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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM UNA

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM HAVANA DATED JANUARY 16, 1978
SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO ADDIS ABABA, LAGOS
MOGADISCIO, MOSCOW IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, ET, SO, US, CU
SUBJECT: ENCOURAGEMENT OF ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI NEGOTIATIONS

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1. WHILE WE SHOULD HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT GOC DISPOSITION
TO BE FLEXIBLE OR HELPFUL IN THIS SITUATION, I DO NOT BELIEVE
WE SHOULD OVERLOOK POSSIBLE DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER APPROACHES
TO CUBANS, IF ONLY TO KEEP OPEN THIS DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL IN
KEEPING WITH THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT OF NORMALIZATION PROCESS.
MOREOVER, IT IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT HERE

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THAT GOC IS ACTING IN ETHIOPIA EXCLUSIVELY AT SOVIETS'S BEHEST,
AND THAT THEY COULD, THEREFORE, BE EASILY TURNED OFF BY
CHANGE IN SOVIET SIGNALS ALONE.

2. I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT USINT BE AUTHORIZED
AT APPROPRIATE TIME AT LEAST TO INFORM GOC OF THE
EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ETHIPIA-

SOMALIA CONFLICT, AND TO REQUEST CUBA'S SUPPORT.
THIS APPROACH WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE MADE AT MINREX
LEVEL SINCE I UNDERSTAND THAT CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ
IS HOSPITALIZED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AT PRESENT AND
SINCE, IN ANY CASE, I AM SCHEDULED TO LEAVE HAVANA ON
THURSDAY FOR CONSULTATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT.
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